

NEGRO FIEND PRISONER HERE

Williams as Grand Master Honored by Masons

LOCAL MILK STATION AT PEAK

WRITING from the Woodstock Hotel of New York City to the Messenger editor, Judge French Spencer says: "Mrs. Spencer has often said that Decatur people are like Sherwin Williams paint in that they 'cover the earth.' Before reaching New York she wanted to know if any of them were here, and I told her of Trabue Carswell and Woody. We visited the National Bank of Commerce yesterday, and we found William Hogue of Rhome, Wise county, there. He is in one of the biggest banks here, and the officers tell me that he is very capable and steadily advancing. Mrs. Spencer says you can't keep Decatur folks down; they will finally run the country unless something is done. We had a very pleasant visit in Washington; were personally presented to the president by Mrs. Williams, who is as well acquainted there as she was in Decatur. Wanted to let you know that Wise county folks are holding their own everywhere I find them."

RAILROAD Commissioner C. V. Terrell, in town Monday on his return to Austin from a visit of inspection on the railroad conditions in the Panhandle country, was a welcome visitor at the Messenger office. "I have just received a relic of the good old days in Decatur from that old-timer, Bob Ledford, years ago a Decatur citizen, but now a prominent traveling man out of Sweetwater," stated Mr. Terrell when he entered our sanctum. And the relic is an old program announcing "Decatur Amateur Comedy Company's presentation of 'One Night in a Bar Room' for the purpose of raising money to purchase a hook and ladder truck for the town." In the cast were J. B. Abbott, A. L. Skinner, G. W. Johnson, C. V. Terrell, E. C. Souther, Will Renshaw, Bob Ledford, A. P. Tension and Pete Hawkins. Officers of the company were Dr. W. B. Marleham, president; J. B. Abbott, vice president; C. V. Terrell, secretary; Dr. J. L. Lay, treasurer; with an orchestra composed of Ed Nichols, W. B. Dyer, Senor Epermanio Garcia and Preston Terrell. The play was presented on the evening of Tuesday, December 30th, 1924.

URING a visit of Uncle Jess Pullingame to the Messenger office last Monday, someone asked him if he were an ex-Confederate soldier. "Was I a Confederate soldier?" the veteran came back, with a smile. "If the Messenger editor's father were here he could answer that for you, as he was my lieutenant; and if four years under the stars and bars of the southland and Chickamauga, Franklin, Atlanta, Pea Ridge and a dozen lesser set-backs meant anything in the civil war, I reckon I was a Confederate soldier." Uncle Jess said he intended going to Dallas to meet with the thinning gray ranks. Captured at Arkansas Post in the early stages of the conflict, Uncle Jess, with a number of other Wise county soldiers, saw service in prison in Camp Chase near Chicago. Following a term in prison the men were exchanged and rejoined their commands, and under the gallant Joe Johnson they fought the invading Yankees to a standstill, surrendering only when starvation forced their depleted ranks. Several weeks after Lee's surrender in Virginia, Johnson accepted the terms while his army, battered and beaten by a superior force, were camped near Greensboro, North Carolina.

ATURDAY afternoon a very tragic and altogether embarrassing situation obtained for a short while at the Masonic barbecue under the Methodist tabernacle when a visiting brother, who had just purchased and installed a new belt, discovered its non-elastic disposition. He had long been an ardent believer in suspenders as a means of trouser trouble preventative, but his wife said he must go the belt route—so belt route he went. It so happened that this particular belt was of the hang-man-knot type, which, when subjected to considerable pressure, tightened until the most adept could hardly extricate the person bound. He soon came to the place in the banquet where it was necessary to expand right at the point where the belt circumnavigates the bread basket, but being unlearned in the ways of belts, he was unable to free himself. He couldn't afford to lose time, as loss of time meant loss of eats, so he just kept on sending stuff down to be stored behind this ever-tightening tension until at last something had to be done. He withdrew slightly to one side and made several very desperate attempts to remove the retarding factor, but to no avail. He looked longingly and hungrily at the crowd

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NOEL ARRESTED IN WISE COUNTY

Black Admitted Guilt in Terrible Murder at Dallas Recently

One of the negroes, Frank Noel, in the Dallas jail, who has confessed to a number of the most brutal deeds ever perpetrated in the state, was a cotton picker on the Stewart farm in the Rhome community last fall, and while working there was arrested by Sheriff W. M. Workman and deputies on a charge of murderously assaulting his wife, while she was working in the cotton field on the Stewart farm. Noel, after his arrest by the Wise county officers and placed in jail here, stated that he was guilty of cutting his wife, and seemed to take keen delight in relating the cause of the trouble. He said that he and his wife had trouble in Dallas, their home, on account of her desire to go out at night and stage wild parties with strange negro men. Following several knock-down and drag-out fights in the Noel home, the pair decided to quit Dallas and go into the friendly west and forget past infatuations of the marriage vows. Noel and wife came into the Rhome country and secured jobs as cotton pickers on the Stewart farm. While working in the field the negro woman was caught by her husband "carrying on" with a saddle-colored buck, and trouble was renewed. The woman was slashed with a knife by Noel, and the young negro man left for parts unknown. Later, Noel's wife refused to appear against him, and he went free after paying a stiff fine into the county till.

Returning to Dallas, Noel started a campaign of crime that is not equalled in the darkest pages of the most corrupt community in the country. He, with his brother, arrested and in the Dallas jail, have confessed to murdering three white men and attacking two ladies, and a number of lesser criminal acts are charged to the pair.

Early yesterday morning, a mob, said to be about five thousand strong, stormed the Dallas jail, seeking the two brutes. Several men in the storming party were seriously injured by shots from the officers in the jail, and three of the defending party of the law's representatives were injured by bullets from pistols in the hands of the outraged citizens.

As Messenger goes to press, reports come that two hundred officers are guarding the Dallas jail, and the county sheriff has issued a statement that he will defend the prisoners to the last ditch.

Graduating Exercises for Hi School Sunday

Following is the program for the commencement exercises of Decatur high school, to be held next Sunday, May 24th, at First Methodist church: Processional—Mrs. J. M. Crisp. Invocation. Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy." Anthem—Choir. Announcements. Offertory—Misses Floyd and Rowan. Solo—Miss Naomi Mann. Sermon—Rev. W. H. Baker. Doxology. Benediction.

Miss Lady Bess Prunty is a member of the graduating class of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

ANOTHER LOCAL BOY ADVANCING

T. C. McMurray, better known to Decatur, his home town, as Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McMurray, is another of the boys reared in this community who is marching straight on to distinction in the business and commercial sphere. For long associated with the Pierce Oil Corporation in responsible executive positions, where his abilities have been tried out and found substantial, he has recently been appointed by Federal Judge Wilson as the receiver of a number of leading Texas and Oklahoma oil companies, which have gotten into difficulties of management. Clyde will retain his position with the Pierce Company, but his salary will have been so augmented as to make the sum he is drawing annually favorably with that of the biggest executives in the southwest.

NEW ROAD EQUIPMENT AT WORK NEAR CHICO

Commissioner Henry Walker has received the new road building machinery recently purchased, and has put the outfit to work on the Chico road, which will be improved out to the line of his district, Sandy Creek.

The new Best tractor and immense grader have the capacity to cover a big stretch of road section in a day and will do a class of work impracticable of being accomplished by mules. It is learned that most of the counties of North Texas are abandoning the old method of road construction with mule teams, for the double-fold reason that it is much cheaper to operate with motor power and graders and for the reason that much better work may be done.

Three of the four commissioners in Wise county now own these modern road working outfits.

Program of Exercises at D. B. C. Next Week

During the commencement week at Decatur College, which will close its session of school next week, the following programs will be presented in the college auditorium:

A musical recital by students of the piano and voice department, under Miss Beatrice Preston, will be presented on Thursday evening, May 28th, at eight o'clock.

Senior class, entitled "The Village Lawyer," a three-act comedy, will be presented Saturday, May 30th, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday morning, May 31st, at eleven o'clock, by Dr. J. B. Tidwell, who is teacher in Baylor University of Waco.

The annual commencement debate between the Philomathian and Erosophian Literary Societies will be held on Monday, June 1st, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Commencement exercises and presentation of diplomas will be held on Tuesday morning, June 2nd.

Citizens at Sweetwater Organized Club Friday

A Sweetwater Community Club was organized at the Sweetwater school house last Friday night, with officers as follows: Lanham Gentry, president; Mrs. Love Watson Secretary.

A subject discussed was that of the better marketing of eggs. Meetings will be held monthly.

NOTABLES FROM ALL TEXAS HERE

All - Day Services Held Saturday Honoring Local Citizen

Reception given Mr. Guinn Williams, grand master of the Texas Masonic orders, in Decatur Saturday afternoon and evening was well attended, and the affair was one of the most pleasing occasions of the season.

Music was furnished by the Boys' Masonic Home Band of Fort Worth, and the Decatur organization.

Throughout the morning Masons from the lodges in this section of the state came in, and by noon it was estimated that three hundred visitors were in town to do honor to the high officer in their grand order.

A program, in which were a number of speeches, was carried out in the morning in the lodge rooms, after which a parade of all Masons was staged on the square.

In the afternoon a barbecue was given by the local lodge to the visitors, and later in the day the Eastern Star order was entertained at the Methodist church tabernacle.

At eight o'clock the big feature program of the reception was held in the First Methodist church.

All lodges in the county were represented and a number of Masons came from a distance. Dallas, Fort Worth and Gonzales, and other towns in Central and South Texas sent representatives to the gathering.

CHAUTAUQUA WILL BE HELD AT TABERNACLE

Miss Eunice Diller, who will remain in Decatur during the session of the Radelife Chautauqua starting its big series of programs tomorrow afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, arrived here on Tuesday to perform her duties as the Radelife superintendent of the course.

Miss Diller was shown the Methodist tabernacle on a suggestion that the programs be carried out there instead of the ten and immediately recommended its adoption. She said the tent was for the purpose of seating communities where no such facilities as the tabernacle exist. The tabernacle is admirable in every way for the carrying forward of the programs, it being conveniently located in a neighborhood out of the dust and noise; would be cooler than the tent, is already seated, wired for lights, has an ample stage of strength and size, possesses plenty of surrounding parking space and also has the open air effect of a tent.

With scarcely any hesitation, the committee adopted the suggestion and decided on the tabernacle for the course. Rev. Bert B. Hall, pastor of the First Methodist church, very willingly turned the tabernacle and the grounds to the uses of the committee.

The course will open Friday afternoon at two-thirty. Saturday afternoon a special matinee performance will be given, and special price of fifty cents admission for the drama-comedy play, "Back Home," will be put on by the committee. Another big drama of the very popular mystery nature will be given Saturday night.

Interest in the entire series of entertainments is rife throughout the community.

OATES TO SPEAK IN EGG MEETINGS

M. B. Oates, farmer agent of the Denver Road, according to announcement of the two county farm agents, W. M. Love and Miss Carolina Chambers, will begin a series of community meetings in Wise county on Tuesday, June 2nd, on the subject of marketing eggs. Dates and places of the meetings will be announced next week.

This is now a very important subject, before the poultry raisers of this section, and Mr. Oates will have some very pertinent remarks and advice to offer. Watch for the announcement and be prepared to attend these meetings if possible.

It is planned to hold two sessions a day—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon—in some of the larger communities of the county.

CITIZENS WANT RIGHT TO SELECT OFFICIALS

While the position of city marshal of Decatur is vacant, it is suggested to the honorable city council to return the privilege of naming who shall serve in that capacity to the people who make up the town.

Messenger understands there are a number of applicants for the place made vacant by Mr. Richter resigning and taking up the duties of night watchman. Probably any man who has applied for the job will make the city an efficient officer; we have no preference. But let the citizens of Decatur, the citizens whose properties are taxed, pass on who shall serve them. For more than forty years the citizens of Decatur were held capable of judging whom they wanted as their town officer, and, with few exceptions, they selected wisely. This manner of the council making the selection "for the people" was put over on the unsuspecting voters a few years ago, and it has never been to the liking of the citizens at large.

A majority of the people in Decatur want their rights of selecting their officers restored, and Messenger believes that when the council becomes aware of the sentiment of our citizens in this matter, that body will gladly return the rights. If necessary, the Messenger is informed, a petition from the Decatur citizens will be presented to the council, asking that they be given the rights and privileges of naming who shall serve them.

Better Kitchen Contest Brings Splendid Result

Miss Caroline Chambers, home agent for Wise County, has recently completed a "better kitchen contest," inaugurated among the women's clubs of the county. Mrs. Clyde Barrett of Peoria community, was declared the winner by a set of judges, who made detailed examination of the several kitchens in the contest.

It was very surprising to the judges, what a small expenditure and readjustment of the paraphernalia of a kitchen could bring in the way of comforts and conveniences and consequent lessening of work to a kitchen.

It is to be hoped that the kitchens in this contest will be visited and examined so that the movement for the simplification of kitchen work may spread and bring a much needed relief to housewives.

Captain H. E. Brady will leave this morning on a business trip to San Antonio.

DAILY SHIPMENT TO DALLAS HUGE

Production Necessitates Separating Milk to Transport It

A maximum of milk shipments are being received and transported thru the Decatur milk station. One night's shipments registered a hundred and seventy-six cans. The daily receipts are approximately twenty thousand pounds.

More is being received than may be transported by the two refrigerator trucks at full capacity, and the big Tennessee Company has resorted to the expedient of separating a part of the milk so as to reduce the bulk of shipments, only the cream being conveyed to Dallas. More than four hundred gallons of skim milk was dispensed with thru the sewer one day early in the week, but it is presumed that this valuable element will find its way to use here. Besides being excellent for human consumption, its value as a feed for young animals is very high.

Mr. Husted, traveler for Tennessee Dairies Inc. advises that the local business of the company in Dallas is very satisfactory for the season, being much improved over that of last spring at this time. He advises also that some of the best dairymen near Dallas are seeking locations near Decatur and are in quest of pasture ground and dairy farms in this section. Which leads us to suggest that if any of our readers own places that may be put to the uses of dairying they announce the fact. Leave information with the chamber of commerce.

Miss Askey Hostess to Group Young Friends

Miss Fannie Pearl Askey entertained her friends at her home last Saturday evening.

Many amusing games and diversions were played, and refreshments were served to the following: Misses Velma Bradford, Estelle and Emma Dean Below, Lois Davis, Orlena Davenport, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Naomi Wright, Dorothy Patterson, Emma Lee Mann, Lula Clay Measkey, Flora Reeves and Alma Wilkerson; Messrs. Alan Harris, Truett Day, Hale Pierce, James Burke, Leon Guthrie, Carl Atcheson, Randolph O'Brien, F. R. Hodges, Harold Jones, Marvin Roach, M. J. Vaughn, Walton Freeman, Blake Workman, Weldon Griggs, Worth Arnett, E. B. Melton and J. E. Blawett.

Richter Assumes Night Watchman Duties Here

At a recent meeting of the city council, George Brown, who has been doing duty as night watchman for several months, tendered his resignation. Bud Richter, who has been secretary-tax collector, was given the place vacated by Mr. Brown.

At the next meeting of the council a successor for Mr. Richter will be named. It is reported that several applications have been filed with the council.

Mr. Richter is an experienced night watchman, having served the city in that capacity before being appointed secretary-tax collector.

Birthday Dinner Given to W. A. Young Sunday

Within the meaning of an insurance policy, it has been held in a damage case that a person in a motorcycle side car is not "riding in an automobile, nor in an airplane, nor in a boat. What, then, is he doing?

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Decatur, Texas

LOCAL NEWS

SCHEDULE FOR FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAINS.

NORTH BOUND.			
Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls	
No. 7—10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am	
No. 1—9:45 am	11:07 am	1:25 pm	
No. 5—6:45 pm	8:16 pm	10:55 pm	
SOUTH BOUND.			
W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth	
No. 8—3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am	
No. 4—9:00 am	11:28 am	12:45 pm	
No. 2—2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm	

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker are visiting in Fort Worth.

Get your garden seed at A. P. Buttrill's Novelty Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnhill of Chico, were in Decatur Wednesday.

Born, to Mr and Mrs. Ray Foreman on Saturday, May 16th, a son.

Mrs. Jim St. Clair of Denton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lynch.

Mrs. Charles Nash has returned from a visit to Dr and Mrs. Ira Nash in Dallas.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas of Rhome, on Tuesday, May 19, a daughter.

Miss Mary Anne Perdue of Wichita Falls, spent the weekend with Miss Helen Penry.

Get tickets for the big chautauque course beginning this afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

Miss Nora McCurdy of Crosbyton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCurdy.

Mrs. B. C. Corner and daughter of Fort Worth, spent Wednesday with Mrs. T. H. Greer.

Mrs. Lucille Andrews and children of Archer City, spent the week-end in Decatur with friends and relatives.

Walter Owen has opened a barber shop in the room recently vacated by Dick Reeves, next door to Messenger office.

Special price on all hats. A new line of summer hats—one dozen going at \$1.00 each on Saturday, May 23rd. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rieger and daughter, Miss Sylvia, and Miss Eva Jo Greer visited the old soldiers reunion in Dallas Tuesday.

Eye glasses fitted; broken frames mended; broken lenses duplicated. Good work guaranteed. W. M. Sanders, druggist and optometrist.

Mrs. C. R. Bridges of Paradise, on Tuesday, underwent an operation here for appendicitis at Rogers Sanitarium. Messenger is informed she is doing nicely.

Misses Ben Nicks of Hays, Spring, Missouri, and G. E. Wills of Memphis, Tennessee, mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, are visiting in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Leland and S. A. Lillard Jr. left yesterday afternoon for an extended visit in the Rio Grande valley country.

See the production of "Back Home," by artists and professionals, special matinee and price of fifty cents and mission, Saturday afternoon at the Methodist tabernacle.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian church met with Mrs. Jim Mahey on Monday, May 18th. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 25th with Mrs. Carl Griner.

Miss Virginia Patterson celebrated her twelfth birthday Saturday evening with a party at her home in South-west Decatur. Punch and ice cream cones were served to sixty-five guests.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Griffith have returned from Memphis, Tennessee, where they attended the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The two were sent as delegates from the Greenwood and Shiloh churches.

J. H. McCarter is in Waxahachie this week.

Clyde King of Alvord, spent Sunday in Decatur.

Clifford Starnes spent last week in Fort Worth.

Miss Loma Lowance of Rhome, was in Decatur Monday.

Miss Mary Jane Leftwich spent last Monday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Simpson were in Decatur shopping Wednesday.

Ice cream freezers at popular prices at A. P. Buttrill's Novelty Store.

Marvin Caraway of Riverton, Wyoming, is visiting his mother here.

Mrs. Grady Keown of Greenwood, visited Mrs. Carl Faith this week.

R. P. Smith of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, visited relatives here Sunday.

Dr. D. H. Payne attended the dental convention in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. R. E. Collins and Miss Frances Collins have returned from a visit to Dallas.

Mrs. W. L. Russell of Rhome, spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. W. E. Horton.

Miss Merle Smith, who has been teaching school in Alvord, has returned home here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mask of Bridgeport, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCurdy.

Mrs. Theodore Harris and children of Wichita Falls, have been the guests of Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dillehay and son, T. J. Jr. and Jack Rieger, shopped in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Miss Zenobia McFarlin has had as her guest her cousin, Miss Dorothy Shamburger of Wichita Falls.

On account of decoration services at Bethel next Sunday afternoon, the Shiloh singing has been called off.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gardenhire and family of Fort Worth, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bellah.

Henry Troxell of Rhome, is at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Mary Troxell, at the home of Mrs. M. Gregg.

Mrs. W. E. Horton has gone to see her mother, Mrs. E. S. Young, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Mann.

Colonel Cocomougher, superintendent of this district for the highway commission was in the city Monday on business.

Mrs. D. H. Payne is visiting in Sweetwater with her daughter, Mrs. George Gray, who sails on June 2nd for New York.

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Raynor R. B. Bell of First Baptist church, who was attending the meeting of Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, became ill and returned to his home in Sunday. The preacher was also sent to leave Wednesday.

MEN YOU MAY MARRY

Has a man like this proposed to you?
Symptoms: Tall, gray, grizzled, seventy. Loves young women, likes to boss 'em, squelch 'em, spend a few cents on them. Never has been a real success, yet; scathingly criticizes every one he sees. Taken a great shine to you, because you are like the wife of his youth. Always busy, thinks he is indispensable, fusses about and is content to death with Mr. Self.

IN FACT
Content has been his hold up.
Prescription to the Bride:
R. Make him think he is your age. Get lots of diversion.
Absorb this:
OLD AGE IS ONLY WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT.
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S. M. Gose of Wichita Falls, was in Decatur visiting old friends and relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian and daughter attended the High-Robo wedding in Rhome Thursday.

Rev. G. W. Tyson will preach at the Fairview Baptist church, near Rhome, next Sunday. Everybody invited.

Misses J. H. Cates and F. M. Kenny have returned from a visit with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moss and family, in Cisco.

Dr. Cade Standley, who has undergone an appendicitis operation at his home in Frederick, Oklahoma, is reported to be slowly improving.

Mrs. H. C. Bridges and daughter of Sanger, have been here visiting relatives, while Mr. Bridges is attending the state bankers' convention this week at Houston. Miss Eloise will enter Denton Normal Monday.

Special chautauque performance of the drama-comedy play, "Back Home," at Methodist tabernacle on Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. Don't fail to see. Special price of fifty cents for this play by professionals.

Missionary G. W. Tyson announced that there will not be any fifth Sunday meeting of Baptists in Wise county in May. Instead, the regular county workers' meeting will be held on Monday following the first Sunday in June.

Found—Lady's red leather purse, embossed cover; containing yellow lace handkerchief, small square mirror, one fancy button, powder puff, fifty cents in silver and card with name "Mrs. Robert Fuller Taylor." Owner call at Messenger office.

A man called up a feed store and ordered a bushel of oats and a bale of hay.

"All right," said the clerk. "Who is it for?"

"Say, don't get fresh, young man," was the reply. "It's for the horse."

The amateur fisherman had hooked a small trout and had reeled it in until it was jammed against the end of his rod. Holding it in the air in a helpless way, he asked:

"What shall I do now?"

"Climb up the rod and stab it," was the disgusted reply of his instructor.

A professor who had been a little too exacting with a student at an examination in chemistry asked, as a final question:

"Can you tell me anything at all about prussic acid?"

"Yes," replied the student. "It is a deadly poison. One drop on the end of your tongue would kill a dog."

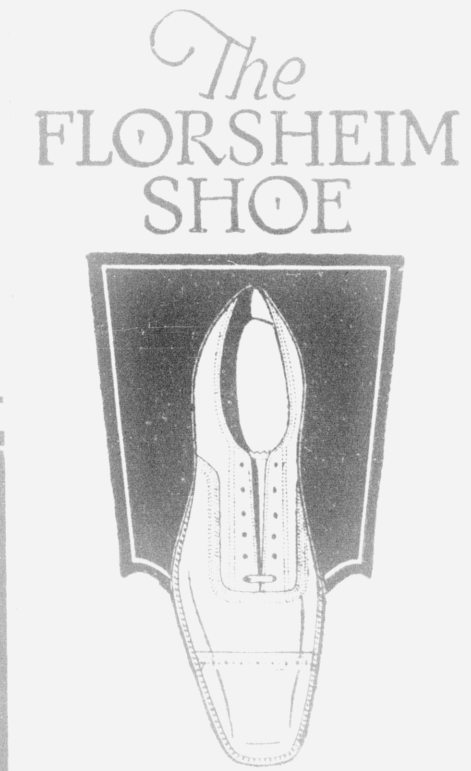
An English paper states that the following lines were inscribed about the year 1777 over the door of one of the very earliest established insurance offices:

"Come all you men, Brethren, who are your blooming wives, and insure large sums on your productions. (Wee.)"

So that your wives, who are rich, when you are poor, will not suffer. And they may live in happiness when you are quite forgotten."

Trouble comes seldom to those with plenty of work to do.

Average of fifteen thousand people burn to death and about seventeen thousand are injured by fire in this country every year.



FOR the city's grinding wear—the scuff of many miles—The FLORSHEIM SHOE easily survives, giving long, reliable service with comfort at every step.

We assure a perfect fit in your style
\$10
Rieger Bros.
Decatur, Texas



\$1000 a Month Alimony Demanded of Wharton

The Los Angeles, California, Times reports a young Mr. Wharton, formerly of Dallas, being sued by his wife for a divorce and \$1,000 per month as alimony. Mr. and Mrs. Wharton have been living in Hollywood for some time, and recently a disagreement arose, and the wife brought suit for a separation.

Young Wharton is the son of Albert Wharton.

What people don't know won't hurt them unless they tell it.

Flippers do not attract much attention any more. They won't until they begin wearing clothes again.

An old fashioned doctor is the kind who tries to find out what's wrong with you, instead of calling in two or three of his friends to discuss the matter.

Some men think they are wise old owls just because they are always hooting at something.

Expert Watch Maker and Repairer.

S. B. Johnson, the real expert railroad watch maker is here and he is here to stay. He has had fifty years' experience repairing and adjusting watches. When I repair your watch I guarantee it to stand inspection any where. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bring me some of your jobs and if I do not fix them to your satisfaction it will cost you nothing.

Office with T. S. Thomas, insurance, on West Main street, Decatur, Texas. (112)

An Englishman and an American were camping in the woods and an owl began to hoot.

"And what's that?" inquired the Englishman.

"It's an owl," replied the American. "I know it's an owl," rejoined the Englishman, "but 'fo's 'owling?"

Still, we have yet to honor the husband who helped with the dishes and was shot by his wife.

It is easy to accept another man's opinion when you are about to ask him for a favor.

One Lamp Lorie thinks there would be a lot more successes in life if every man worked as hard as he thinks he does.

It is really a hard life. Men will not be nice to you if you are not good looking, and women will not be nice to you if you are.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

INGRAM DRUG COMPANY, Decatur

Popular Rhome Young Lady Weds Yesterday

A quiet home wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Robo, prominent and influential citizens of Rhome, when their daughter, Miss Ann, was joined in wedlock with Dr. Clifton E. High. Dr. J. L. Ward, president of Decatur College, performed the ceremony. Only a few intimate friends of the couple were present, and immediately after the wedding, Dr. and Mrs. High left for a bridal tour in Colorado and points in other states. They will reside in Denver, where Dr. High is connected with the Fitzsimons Hospital.

The bride in this happy event is one of the most charming young ladies in our county; her friends are legion in her home town and in Decatur, where she attended school. Beautiful and gracious, and possessing a sweet disposition and christian character, this young lady is a prize that is worth the best and noblest efforts of the splendid man who has won her heart and hand.

Messenger joins the friends of Dr. and Mrs. High in wishing them a long and pleasant voyage on the stream of life.

The man who can say it is raining in forty languages gets just as wet as the man who can say it in one.

Some people are not satisfied to do nothing, even when they have nothing to do.

Weak In Back and Sides

"Before the birth of my little girl," says Mrs. Lena Stancil, of R. F. D. 2, Matthews, Mo., "I was so weak in my back and sides I could not go about. I was too weak to stand up or do any work. I felt like my back was coming in two. I lost weight. I didn't eat anything much and was so restless I couldn't sleep nights. "My mother used to take

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

so I sent to get it. I improved after my first bottle. Cardui is certainly a great help for nervousness and weak back. I took six bottles of Cardui and by then I was well and strong. Just did fine from then on. Cardui helped me so much."

Thousands of weak, suffering women have taken Cardui, knowing that it had helped their mothers or their friends, and soon gained strength and got rid of their troubles. Cardui should do you a lot of good.

All Druggists' E-112

INGRAM DRUG COMPANY, Decatur

The good old days, says a Decatur man, were those when refreshments didn't consist of axel grease on a cabbage leaf.

666

is a prescription for
BILIOUS FEVER AND MALARIA.
COLDS, GRIPPE, FLU, DENGUE.
It kills the germs

FOR WORKING PEOPLE
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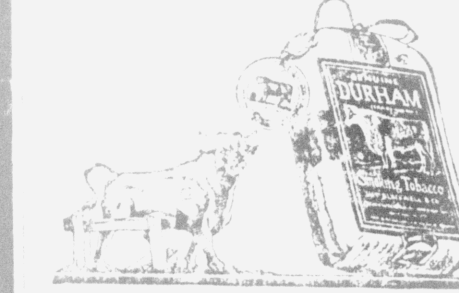


DID you know that George Washington, The adopted Father of our Country, just before he got on the Ferry to cross the Delaware for the Photographing of that now famous Picture, Did you know that he smoked two sacks of 'Bull' Durham while he was waiting for the Ferry? (things were just as late in his War, as they were in our last one). Now I have never heard of this 'Bull' Durham pipe before, neither have I ever heard it denied. So if there has either been affirmation or denial, there is no reason to disbelieve that it's not true. 'Bull' Durham originated in Virginia, and Washington lived in Virginia, and he was a great man to patronize home industries. And as Washington was the best man of his day, and Durham the best tobacco of its day, there is no plausible reason to doubt that these two most excellent institutions didn't readily recognize the good in each other and get together.

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Friday Morning, May 22, 1925

There is room aplenty in the bond wagon.

The old boys are having the time of their lives in Dallas this week.

There are too many cheap politicians who are posing before the public as patriots.

The pig and poultry raiser was not worrying over the pranks of the rail clerk.

If some organizations were not stronger than their weakest members, they would collapse.

If the old town and community are not to your liking, remember, you are invited to improve them.

Success has never come to that fellow who endeavors to use his fellow man's failures as stepping-stones.

The rains come in the Wonderful County as they are needed to hasten on that flock of bumper crops. Come to Wise!

The Houston secretary of the advertising clubs which met in that city has allowed a little authority to consume him.

If you can't boast what you do, don't ask for a better in the band that is striving to attract attention to its own efforts.

A feature team from Fort Worth women that she would be married. A few rights later, the team from Fort Worth made a good impression.

Mr. Safford, secretary of the House of Representatives, states he is opposed to an extra session of the legislature, but just about a year ago.

The report that Congressman O'Connell Williams is to be elected for two years, with no more, is a good news to the people of the county.

The county of Oklahoma have given that fellow, Jack Williams, a good bill, so reports state. It got about that there was some persuasion, and the show was decided off.

The fellow who makes chickens on a little fifty to sixty in a town would be up against it if his neighbors with gardens and flower beds would enclose their property with a fence.

When the time arrives that the new people can distinguish between a "Mex" and a politician, and a patriot, then we shall have that kind of government one Mr. T. Jefferson was talking of.

Use Decatur and Wise county hard products. First, for the enterprises the old town and county have. Then you are sitting party to join in a something other enterprises to come this way.

It has been suggested that the right and authority of the city's secretary and treasurer be restored to the city and the tax payers. About two years ago, the city was nearly bankrupt.

The city of Decatur, Texas, has been the scene of a great many things. The city has been the scene of a great many things. The city has been the scene of a great many things.

That Kansas is a great state, that no back the state, for proving criminals from the state penitentiary. We wonder what man among those Kansans who thought the gentleman would admit the situation.

A Dallas man has been given a government position in the city of Mexico. Suppose the fellow believes his chances in the pursuit of life and liberty are better in that land of revolutions and robbers than they are in the city of life's darkest hour.

Almost a month has come and gone glimmering, since the Wichita Falls statesman, representing that section in the state senate, has announced his intention of being a candidate for congress from the thirteen district. Has the gentleman cooled in his aspiration?

On the Street

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which was consuming the contents of the table with lightning-like rapidity. He thought of the time he was losing, then thought of the belt and of the pressure thereon. He could get no relief. The grand hailing sign was given, but no brother came to his rescue. He desired more of the food very much, but he much more desired mitigation of pain. The suffering was intense. He faintly would have pulled his hair—but he was bald; he would have given up and died—but he was Irish. Thoughts of how his wife had given him to the last notch—the like of which can only be duplicated by the broncho buster in saddling his wild and wooly brone—brought very un-Sunday, school-like words to his lips. The utterance of such vernacular attracted the attention of several up at the feed trough, who came offering assistance and inquiring the trouble, to which the indignant and irate Irishman laconically replied that it was just a case of suspenders versus belts; and that they would all be summoned as witnesses to testify in his behalf before his wife, the judge, the jury and whole court.—Paradise Skylark.

That Undying Spirit.

Confederate veterans open in Dallas their annual reunion today. There will not be many more of these gatherings, and this is likely the last time Texas will have the opportunity of entertaining these heroes.

The war in which they fought has been over sixty years. Most of the living members of the United Confederate Veterans are between eighty and ninety years old. Many, however, are still under eighty, for there were many hundreds of thousands of boys in both armies during the war.

Those veterans who gather in Dallas today are survivors of the last great war this country will ever fight in which individuality really counted—individuality from the generals down to the privates. We may have another war, but we shall have no more Robert E. Lees, no more Jacksons, standing there like a stone wall, no more Sidney Johnsons, of whom it can be said that "on the threat of that single life snuffed at Shiloh hung the destiny of the south."

The war of the future, if it must be fought, will be fought by mass and gas by millions, entrenched in one armed by science.

All the more poignant is the appeal of these old men, so young and so gallant once, these boy soldiers, who by their individual courage, their individual heroism, in spite of dreadful handicaps, were able so long to endure against heavy odds. And it is to their everlasting glory that they were as brave in defeat as in victory. After the war they went to work and built the great empire of the south.

This generation forgets how awful the civil war was, how dreadful the days that followed it. It forgets the tale of wounds and death, proportionately more disastrous than any other country ever suffered; the sum of destruction, so complete, that in sixty years its scars are not all yet effaced; "the courage never to submit or yield" that produced the dreadful slaughter of Cold Harbor or Franklin.

Perhaps these veterans, more fully, have forgotten that, too, in part. But they have not forgotten their spirit; and our right arms will wither in their sockets if we forget it, for it was, and is, the one redeeming thing of the war.—Fort Worth Record.

From authoritative sources we are informed that a cross-word puzzle is a very intensive rectangular conglomeration of dissimilar verbal synonymic similitudes, replete with internal inhibitions, yet promulgating extensive ratiocination and meticulously designed to promote fulminant vituperation, dispel heterodoxy and develop contemplative, speculative, introspective, deliberative and cognitive faculties.

A few words mumbled by a minister constitute a marriage. A few words mumbled by a sleeping husband constitute a divorce.—Smart Set.

It's a strange, shifting, old world, and we can't tell what will happen next. Not long ago the Messenger offended a father and mother by publishing a news item, common talk among town citizens, in which their son's name appeared. The parents got mad at the good and decorous weekly, positively refusing to renew their subscription. When their action was brought to the attention of this writer, we smiled, and thought a thought. Checking up, we found nothing in the report that should cause the good parents to feel peeved at the Messenger; nothing in the world, but, we take this occasion to remind the peeved ones that from all reports and conduct, etc. on the part of the son, the time is not far distant when the Messenger will be called upon to write another article that will cause a sure-buff stir in the household.

The Fort Worth Record says: Every American knows that it is easier to be a famous pitcher on a winning team than on a losing team. The same truth holds in war. Nevertheless, just as Walter Johnson was appreciated before his team became a winner, so some of the most celebrated generals have been losers. Hannibal is the outstanding instance. Robert E. Lee, however, all the time takes his place more securely. In a new book by Maurice, this well known soldier and critic puts Lee in a small group made up of Hannibal, Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Gustavus, Turenne, Eugene and Frederick. He thus gets into a company in which is found neither Wellington nor Grant. Not always is final victory the test. It is an extraordinary fact that out of the world war, so much greater in scale than any other, nobody emerged on either side who has a chance of being elected to the little group of military geniuses.

The Boss's Frown.

If your boss looks kinder gloomy And your chances kinder slim, Then's the time to show some action To get back in line with him. Do your work with some ambition And his frown will soon be gone; And your work will be a pleasure, While you keep on keepin' on.

To brag a little, to show well, to crow gently—if in luck; to pay up, to own up, and to shut up—if beaten, are virtues of a sporting man.—Holmes.

"God made woman both beautiful and foolish," remarks a clever cynic; "beautiful that man might love her and foolish that she might love him."

Tread lightly as you pass this way— We're burying Silar Farr: He looked into his gas tank While smoking a cigar.

Customer—"I want quarter's worth of carbolic acid." Proprietor—"Well, dis is a pawn shop, but, mister, ve have razors, ropes and revolvers."—Highland Park.

No great battle was ever won by chance. Get the fire prevention habit. It's a splendid investment. A moment's work today may save you a year's sorrow tomorrow.

Mark Marshall of Chico, was here Saturday.



Did you have the foresight to prepare for your vacation this summer, or will you have to pass it up on account of insufficient funds?

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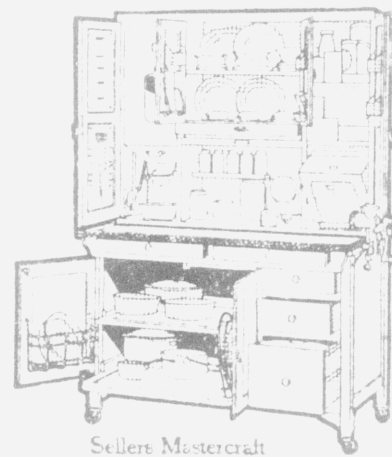
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BETTER SALARY MUST BE PAID TO TEACHERS

Messenger learns that Miss Claudie Mae Workman has been offered a position as instructor in Fort Worth high schools, at a splendid salary. Miss Workman is one of the most experienced and deservedly popular teachers in the Decatur school, and should she accept the position offered her in Fort Worth, our school will suffer a distinct loss.

The educational institutions in other parts of the state are constantly on the look-out for good and efficient instructors, and Miss Workman's reputation and record as teacher appealed to the board in that city, and the Decatur school will probably witness her going there. While it is regretted that such a teacher is taken from the faculty of Decatur school, the patrons and old friends of the local institution should expect as much, in view of the fact that the salaries paid here are not in keeping with the services given by teachers of Miss Workman's high standard. We can expect to have the good and efficient instructors in our schools go elsewhere, into the cities and communities where greater value is put on their ability.

Where it is possible, the faculties in small towns should be made up of instructors of this young lady's splendid training. Inexperienced girls, who take up the profession of teaching "to get by" until something better is offered, or young misses who secure places in schools thru friendship or political pull of some member of her family, are not those wanted by the patrons of the small town schools. More value and appreciation should be placed on the ability of young ladies of Miss Workman's equipment, and the schools of the country would enjoy a greater prosperity.

Baptist Church.

Next Sunday is to be a great day in our Sunday school. Diplomas are to be awarded to thirteen members who have recently completed the Sunday school manual. In addition to this it is expected that we may have on display a certificate from the Sunday School Board recognizing our Sunday school as a standard school. Professor P. M. Curry has received notice that our application for recognition had been favorably acted upon. A special program has been arranged in connection with the awarding of the diplomas and in celebration of our recognition as a standard school. The whole church and school ought to be on hand for this occasion.

There will be no preaching at eleven o'clock on account of the commencement sermon at the Methodist church, but the regular services will be held at 10:00 a. m. R. F. Bell, Pastor.

Smile.

A smile is quite a funny thing.
It wrinkles up your face,
And when it's gone you never find
Its secret hiding place.
But far more wonderful it is
To see what smiles can do.
You smile at one, he smiles at you,
And so one smile makes two.
He smiles at someone else, you smile,
And then that one smiles back;
And that one smiles until, in truth,
You find in keeping track
Now, since a smile can do great good
By cheering hearts of care,
Let's smile and smile and not forget
That smiles go everywhere.

Fisher County Man Is Arrested at Work Here

Frank Canady, working with the high line crew southwest of town, on Tuesday morning was arrested by Deputy Sheriff O. Cartwright on a warrant from Fisher county, and charging that Canady is wanted there on a charge of wife desertion.

When arrested by the officer Canady stated that he had been expecting a visit from "the law."

He is about thirty years of age. Fisher county officials were notified by telephone that the man had been arrested and was in jail here.

Spirited Revival Is On in Northwest Decatur

The revival in charge of Pastor T. L. Newby from Bridgeport, being held in a tent, comfortably seated, continues with increased interest. Evangelists, Eiting from Dallas, who several years ago conducted a successful revival near the square, is doing most of the preaching.

Last Sunday several automobiles brought enthusiastic participants to this meeting, and all enjoyed their talks. Most every night a number of cars come from Bridgeport and vicinity.

The evangelist has just returned from the state of Mississippi, where he spent the month of April conducting revival meetings.

If you enjoy hearing a full gospel message, come. Public is cordially invited.—Contributed.

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Masons Thank Citizens for Help at Gathering

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to Waples-Plattier Grocery Company, Tennessee Dairies, Decatur Ice Company, Stokes & Miller, Woodsdale Cafe, C. L. Christian, the Eastern Star, and all other firms and individuals who so kindly assisted us in making our meeting in honor of the most worshipful grand master of the grand lodge of Texas a success.

—Eighty-Seventh Masonic District.

CIVIC LEAGUE LOOKING TO CLEANER DECATUR

Regular monthly gatherings of the Civic League in the chamber of commerce hall increase constantly in fine interest and serious consideration of the civic welfare of the town.

The meeting held Tuesday afternoon was not an exception. Officers and all the chairmen of the respective districts were on hand. A surprising number of new memberships were reported and will be collected and reported in the paper next week.

The ladies have made an inspection of the business district, following the recent clean-up, and with respect to some locations, are entirely satisfied; but with regard to some exteriors and rear alleys of the business part they are going to solicit better attention. Another hauling day and still further action will be sought for.

Some better accommodations will be sought to be given the colored addition where good co-operation has been found in the effort to clean up the town. Seen the city council will be asked for an audience when requests for certain desired ordinances will be requested.

A determined policy of the league will be to improve, develop and cultivate civic thoughtfulness on the part of the citizenship and to seek to enforce some sanitary and health mandates if not accorded better general observance.

The league is planning some moves to keep the suggestion of a cleaner, better and more beautiful Decatur constantly before the people as an ideal and purpose.

Regular meeting date was changed to the first Tuesday in each month.

Fine Arts Recital at Hi School Tuesday Night

Teens work is the program for the concert recital of pupils of Miss Jackie Goss and Mrs. J. M. Crisp, to be presented in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, May 26th, eight o'clock p. m.

Program: Unfinished Symphony by Schubert; Ota Mae Bruton and Aita Bruton.

March by Castagnone by Smith; Hazel Bruton.

Concerto from "Seventeen" by Beethoven; Isabelle Hunt.

Concerto by W. B. Ross and in Autumn by Schubert; Zenobia McFarlin.

Concerto by Verdi; Ota Mae Bruton.

Mayo by Bertrand Brown and I Lessed by Your Window by McFarlin; Naomi Mann.

The Partener by Chaminade; Aita Mae Bruton.

The Littlest Rebel by Edward Peple; Isabelle Hunt.

Water Sprites by Chaminade; Hazel Bruton.

Arabesque by Meyer Holmoud; Zenobia McFarlin.

Spring Song by Merkel; Ota Mae Bruton.

Be the Best of Whatever you Are by Mignon; Food for Gossip by Walter Howe Jones and Fresh Paint by Harvey B. Gail; Isabelle Hunt.

Humoresque by Dvorak and Valse Minutier by Ferber; Aita Mae Bruton.

Scherz Dance by Chaminade and The Arkansas Traveler arranged by Harl McDonald; Isabelle Hunt.

Gondrell and Good Night by Ethelbert Nevin; Hazel Hoyle.

Love Song by Ethelbert Nevin; Mary McFarlin.

Rosary by Ethelbert Nevin; Dorothy Bruton.

Duch Promise from Mignon by Mignon; Ota Mae Bruton and Aita Bruton.

And a Little Prayer, a Decatur boy, who is making success at a painter, will give a display at the Greenhous, Monday, May 25th. Twelve oil paintings will be on display. A pleasing painting of the Greenhous will be on display in the park there. Everybody is invited to see the paintings.

SKYGAK WRITES OF BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BY UNCLE EP SALTS

Down on Goslin Creek, over on the far edge of Hogwash, stands the old log cabin of Uncle Epsom Salts. And Uncle "Ep," as he is lovingly known by people far and wide, has been in parts of three different counties, and this, coupled with the fact that he was the only living person in Hogwash at the time of his birth, causes him to be regarded as a sort of Solomon by his neighbors.

Uncle Ep celebrated his one hundred and twenty-seventh birthday last week, and while in conversation with the Messenger reporter, stated that he attributed his longevity to his remarkable age and to the fact that he had lived to be one hundred and twenty-seven years old. In reply to request of the reporter that he relate the most dangerous experience of his life, Uncle Ep related the following incident:

"Wal, stranger, next to marryin' to Ma thar, the most dangerous spierience I kin recall jist now is the time I robbed a post office out in Arizona back in the spring of 1896. You see bit was this away: Me and Ma thar had been married 'bout a year and had almost run outen grub—didn't have more than enough grub to run a week an' had been that away near a year. Ma got to naggin' at me to git out an' git a job, so I got mad one day an' took a fool notion an' hooked my ol' jennets to my hack, loaded Ma an the two bounds in an' started out to California.

"After travelin' three days we struck the line of New Jersey an' camped for the night plum outen somethin' to eat. Ma an' the hounds kept me awak nearly all night cryin' for grub. I finally got tired of hearin' the racket an' riz up, hauled on my pants an' started out to hunt somethin' to eat. I crossed the line of Arkansas to rob the bank at Galveston. Whilst I was busy robbin' the grocery store an' puttin' the chickens in sacks I hearin a racket out in the brush an' I dropped my sack of corn an' clum a tree.

"After the rain let up I went out to the woodshed an' got my ax an' told Ma I was goin' to cut a beet tree I started out across the prairie with my gun in one hand an' a jug of whiskey in the other—"

Yes, but Uncle Ep, what about the post office you started out to rob?" the reporter queried.

Who needs a post office robber no more?" Uncle Ep asked.

Ma said: "What's the matter with that Ma Perkins?"

an' me had jist bought a new Ford an' was goin' sky-shootin' down the road when all to onst a tree riz up in the road an' busted us both wide open—"

"Yes, Uncle Ep," but about the bank you were robbing?"

"Who, me? You're a liar. I ain't never robbed no bank. I said me an' Ma was a-ridin' in a new Cadillac an' run over a cow an' busted her all to pieces—"

"I know, Uncle Ep, but you first started out in an old hack with a team of jennets hitched to it."

"Who, me? I ain't never had no jennets ner hack. What I said was that me an' Ma was goin' down the road in a air-plane an' hit a stump an' busted all to pieces. The plane was lyin' on one side in a pile an' Ma was lyin' on the other side in a pile—"

"But Uncle Ep, where were you lying all this time?"

"Who, me? I was jist lyin' about the whole thing from start to finish."

The reporter came away with the feeling that Uncle Ep had truly reached a remarkable age.—Skygak.

Church of Christ.

There will be preaching at the local Church of Christ Sunday, May 24th, at eleven o'clock a. m. and seven-thirty o'clock p. m. by C. A. Collins of Fort Worth.

Bible lessons at the regular hour in the morning—ten o'clock.

There will also be preaching at the Sycamore church at three-thirty in the afternoon.

Come be with us and let us study God's word.—Reporter.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our appreciation to the many friends who were so kind during the illness and death of our dear father, W. M. Sanders. Your kindness will ever be remembered. When the clouds of sorrow are lowering over you, it is our hope that you will find such true friends to comfort you. God bless and protect you all in our prayer.—W. E. Sanders, J. R. Sanders, G. E. Sanders, Mrs. C. L. Neighbors, Mrs. L. O. Works, Mrs. M. Z. Good, Mrs. A. Foster, Mrs. A. Perkins.

Band Concert on Court House Lawn on Friday

A public concert by Decatur Band on the court house lawn last Friday night enlisted the complimentary comment of many in the large crowd that attended. By some lapse the event was not well advertised, but regardless of this there was a good attendance.

It was demonstrated that the young pupils are making rapid strides toward being good musicians. Director Moore promises more occasions of the kind in the near future.

Methodist Church.

We have a warm welcome for you at Sunday school at nine forty-five. Come and be with us in the study of God's word.

Rev. W. H. Baker will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the high school at eleven a. m. Preaching service at eight p. m.

You have a most cordial invitation to worship with us.—Bert B. Hall.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. T. Thompson, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be holden at he cour house hereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1925, the same being the 25th day of May, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5455, wherein Belle Thompson is plaintiff, and M. T. Thompson is defendant, and said petition alleging a suit for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment and abandonment.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 29th day of April, A. D. 1925.—J. A. MOORE, Clerk of the District Court of Wise County, Texas. (May 122)

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PASTURE LAND—On Wag Wilson ranch, near Greenwood; can pasture from 5 to 175 head of stock.—H. W. FEAGINS, Greenwood. (22)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Baled oats, at my farm, south of town.—MRS. R. S. CAVER, Decatur. (21)

SWEET POTATO plants now ready; Porto Rican yams, \$3 per 1000; Wise county grown.—J. C. HENRY, Chico, Texas. (21)

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Wise. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain alias execution, issued out of the honorable district court of Tarrant county, on the 9th day of March, 1925, by G. S. Williams, clerk of said court, for the sum of seven thousand twenty and 25/100 (\$7020.25) dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of C. F. MacGennis and Jas. F. Marshall in a certain cause in said court, No. 56578 and styled C. F. MacGennis and Jas. F. Marshall vs. W. H. Greenwood, J. H. Sanderson and T. F. Milligan, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise County, Texas, did, on the 14th day of March, 1925, levy on certain real estate situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: Situated in Wise County, Texas, and first tract being 130.16 acres of land and being all of 5.4 and part of 3 on the east side of Denton Creek, beginning at the east corner of said survey, thence south 45 west with the southeast line of said survey 65 chains to Denton Creek, the corner of H. C. Morgan tract of 128 acres, thence north 45 east 90 10/100 chains to east corner of J. M. Gage 160 acre tract; thence south 45 east 39 chains to the beginning. (Book 23, page 340).

Second Tract: B. D. Smith survey, situated in Wise County, Texas, beginning at the southwest corner of the J. M. Gage 160 acre tract out of said survey; thence southwest with the line of said Smith survey to the middle of Denton Creek, to the center of line of the Ben D. Smith survey; thence north 45 east with said line to the southeast corner of the J. M. Gage 160 acre tract; thence with the Gage line to the place of beginning, containing 180 acres, more or less. (Book 23, page 696).

Except the following, which has been sold out the above described two tracts, 150.30 1/100 acres sold to F. T. Milligan, as shown by deed recorded in Book 84, page 605, September 27, 1915, leaving 370 acres, more or less.

B. B. B. & C. Railway Company survey: First Tract: Being 280 acres of land out of the B. B. B. & C. Ry survey No. 1, patented to Wm. Peery, assignee. Beginning north 45 west 150 varas from the east corner of the Ben D. Smith survey; thence north 45 east 1900 varas; thence north 45 west 950 varas; thence south 45 west 355 varas; thence south 45 east 475 varas; thence south 45 west 475 varas; thence north 45 west 475 varas; to the northwest line of said survey; thence south 45 west 1545 varas, to the place of beginning, containing 280 acres of land. (Book 23, page 330).

Second Tract: Beginning at a rock on the northwest corner of said survey, at the south corner of 50 acre tract in section 35, town 10 N., Range 17E, thence south 45 east to R. 25, line 475 varas; to the east corner, thence north 45 east 475 varas; thence north 45 west 475 varas; to the northwest line of original survey; thence south 45 west 475 varas to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres of land. (Book 23, page 261).

Said 100 acres of 100 acre tract of land conveyed out of said survey to F. T. Milligan, by deed recorded in Book 84, page 605, dated Sept. 27, 1915, and levied upon as the property of T. F. Milligan, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1925, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door of Wise County, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. by virtue of said levy and said alias execution, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. F. Milligan.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand this 14th day of March, 1925.—W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff, Wise County Texas. By Geo. Gage, Deputy. (May 8-22)

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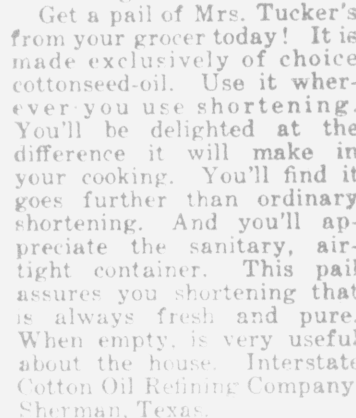
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From June to September at the merous military training camps. Red Cross provided information home service to the trainees, also instruction in First Aid and Life Saving. The entertainment and recreation events at the various Army and Navy hospitals reached nearly 9,500 during the year, and occupational therapeutic Naval hospitals gave constant and beneficial results and occupied the time of patients in the making of useful and ornamental things.

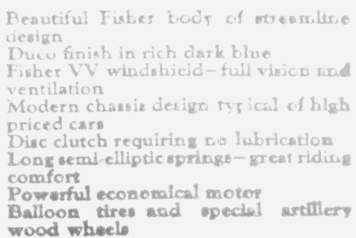
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GREENWOOD NEWS

Rev. C. C. Griffith, pastor of the Baptist church here, will deliver the commencement sermon to graduates of the Greenwood high school on Sunday evening, May 24th, at the eight o'clock hour at the Baptist church.

Aunt Cassie Nesbit of Denton, visited friends here Monday and Monday night, leaving Tuesday for Childress, for a visit with her sons there.

Misses J. H. Armstrong and W. C. Montgomery attended the county meeting of the Baptist W. M. U. Thursday at Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stroud have moved to Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown visited Miss Katie Warren at C. J. A. last Thursday in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kingsley, Mrs. M. A. McCarty and Mrs. J. E. Higgins and daughter, Opal, attended the funeral at Frederick on Sunday, May 17th, of R. L. (Boho) McCarty.

Mrs. M. B. Williamson, Mrs. Mattie Phillips and Mrs. Shiflett, were in Decatur Monday, shopping.

Mrs. C. C. McDaniel and children visited Mrs. McDaniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Saturday.

Harley Moser and family of Shiloh, visited Jim Harris and family Sunday.

School closes here May 29th with a program rendered by the primary and intermediate pupils on the evening of May 28th and graduating class on May 29th.

Clyde Hall and wife spent the week end in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. Will Patton.

Leroy Brown and Mrs. Ruth Barnett were in Paris Sunday.

Relativity.

Everything is relative, even truth. Nothing is ever as bad or as good as it could be compared to something worse or better. This view of the now famous theory of relativity is a lot easier to understand than that laid down by the savants of two continents who have had much to say on the subject recently.

None but a person mathematically inclined could hope to absorb the intricacies of the Einstein theory that light rays are not straight at all times, but are capable of being deflected and continuing on their interrupted way, much as an automobile might veer from its course.

One phase of the theory of relativity may be quite easily understood with the aid of familiar illustrations, having to do with the weight of matter.

A June bug can be dropped from the top of a house, many hundred times the height of its body from the ground, without apparent injury to the insect. But a man, falling from even the same height, will be dashed to his death.

So with truth, in a different sense. Savage tribes are truthful in their belief that the promiscuous mingling of the sexes is the proper way to live. Truth is largely a matter of geography and environment.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

Sunday school at ten o'clock a. m. with Brother D. A. Shum, superintendent in charge. The Sunday school is supposed to be the whole church studying the whole Bible. This work can not be overestimated. The late Woodrow Wilson said: "The Sunday school of today is the moral code of tomorrow."

Sunday is preaching day. The subject Sunday morning, "The Genesis Story of Creation versus Man-Made Guesses." On Sunday night the subject will be "The Sinner in the Hog Pen, and How He Got Out."

Those not attending services also when regularly are cordially invited to worship with us. Good singing and good fellowship. You be the judge of the preaching. Brother D. Gose.

On Being Late.

Do you know among your acquaintances a man who can be depended upon to be always as some wag has said, punctually twenty minutes late?

And if you know a person who makes a particular point of being on time, doesn't you envy him?

No man can afford to acquire the reputation of not meeting engagements on time, for more than he can afford not to meet his notes on time at the bank.

Men who conduct the big business affairs of the nation place a high value on their time during business hours, and rightly so. Minutes mean money to them, and the bigger they are the more money is involved.

There is no excuse for being late. At least, not often. It isn't difficult to determine to become how much time will be required to reach a given point in the city.

Give yourself enough time. If ten minutes isn't enough to permit you to reach your place of appointment on time, take twenty.

Better be five minutes ahead of time than to keep a busy man waiting five minutes.

Don't acquire the habit of being late. It grows.

Thoughtful Mothers
GIVE THEIR CHILDREN
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LONE STAR NEWS

The farmers of the community are very busy with their crops. The prospects are good.

Mack Thomas return to his home last Wednesday from a trip to Oklahoma, where he had been to see his brother, Gene Thomas, and wife.

The singing last Sunday was fine, but we should have had more to attend the good feast of songs. Come on the first Sunday and bring someone.

There will be preaching here next Saturday and Sunday. Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rainey, Walter Mowery and other singers from Bowie, were with us last Sunday.

Carl Porter of Alvord, spent Sunday with Dee Adams.

And Mollie Bowden returned home from a trip to Northwest Texas last Saturday and brought her grandchild, Miss Florine Rawley, a Harrold home with her.

Quite a number of people from this place went to Valley View Sunday night.

BOYD NEWS

Miss Irene Black of Durant, Oklahoma, visited friends and relatives here for several days.

Miss Lora Frazier left Wednesday for a visit of several months with her father in Pike, Texas.

Mrs. Ben Paschall and children from Graham, visited Mrs. Blanche Stepp for several days.

Mrs. J. E. Rogers and children of Maricopa, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown.

Mrs. H. C. Brown of Port Worth is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn this week.

The Boyd high school closed Friday at the end of the week. The teachers and pupils have entertained the public with several splendid programs. The students of music rendered a fine program on Monday night, and a good play was presented by the high school pupils on Tuesday night.

Julian Stepp of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Stepp and M. Gooch and family several days.

Mrs. (Grandma) Dalton has been very ill for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Hart of Simms, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Petty, for several days.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society has a good number enrolled and is still growing. A good work is being done by the ladies here. Every Baptist body is invited to join the society.

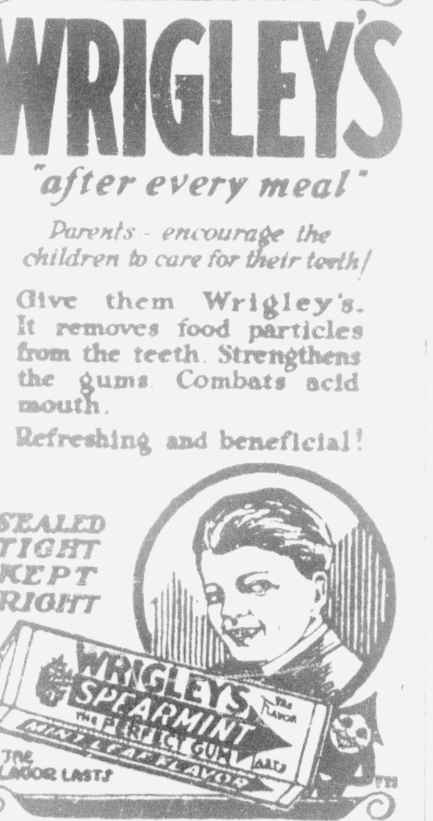
The Epworth League meets every Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church.

Boyd is on a boom again. Let every citizen boost our town. Let us all keep the good work going and not let other towns be ahead of Boyd. Be a booster always!

Loss of Much Time Is Caused by Carelessness

Strange as it may seem, there are intelligent farmers by the thousands who are frugal and careful in the expenditure of money in nearly all of their investments and expenses, but who are wantonly disregarding when it comes to preserving their cotton after it has been baled. A man will work thru the hot sun for months to make a crop and for weeks to take it in, and after it has been put into a really commercial form, when its possession becomes the equivalent of gold, he becomes apparently indifferent, if it is not immediately sold, as to its protection. I have never been able to understand this, except in the cases of a few farmers who cling to the delusion, that by allowing cotton to lie in the weather it will absorb moisture sufficient to more than compensate for its loss in staple.

The attitude of the farmer toward this prize crop of the south, and one which to many of them represents their only money crop, finds a parallel in my mind only in cases where a man has overcome some great difficulty or achieved some wonderful success, and then suddenly collapses and is unable to profit by his triumph. So far as I know, there is no parallel in economical or industrial practice, of history, in this or any other country, of this wanton neglect of the crop after it has been brought to the stage at which it is immediately convertible into real money. H. H. Harrington, in The Progressive Farmer.



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Parents - encourage the children to care for their teeth!

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Refreshing and beneficial!

SEALED TIGHT KEPT RIGHT

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THE FLAVOR LASTS

AURORA NEWS

Miss Edna Brown of Wichita Falls, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Myrtle Simmons spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Edith Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith entertained the young folks of the community with a party Saturday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slimp. Brawley Oates was in Bridgeport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Oates of Bridgeport, are visiting John Oates and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith spent last Sunday with Ezra Simmons and family.

Misses Emma and Castine Brown were shopping in Fort Worth Tuesday. Miss Ethel Uley of Boyd, spent last Sunday with Miss Audrey Slimp.

Miss Josie Byrom spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Will Slimp.

Dewey Uley and brother, James, of Boyd, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lennie McKee.

Mrs. E. H. Herrin has returned home from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hightower of Ellis county. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Slimp spent last Sunday with J. L. Slimp.

Robert Willis, who has been at home for some time, has returned to his position in Houston.

Dayton Stroud spent Friday night with his brother, J. G. Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Shade Slimp spent Sunday in Decatur.

Mrs. W. M. Slimp was in Pop Worth Tuesday.

T. G. Brown was in Port Worth Wednesday on business.

The people and crops of the community are progressing very nicely since they have been supplied with plenty of rain.

SHILOH NEWS

Mrs. W. H. Lee is visiting her mother, Mrs. McDowell, at Wichita Falls.

Little Miss Lena J. Hubbard is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stroud of Dallas, spent the week-end with relatives here. Everyone is invited to attend the singing here on the fourth Sunday, May 24th.

Miss Mildred Rhine of New Salem community, spent the week-end with Miss Lucille Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve McEntire spent Sunday with Mrs. McEntire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cash Rich.

Farmers are all busy here planting cotton and water-melons.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hill took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn.

Little Miss Mildred Cook spent last week with her grand-parents at Oak Grove.

Owing to the decoration services at Bethel next Sunday afternoon, there will be no singing at Shiloh.

Several from here attended singing at Lone Star Sunday.

The singing convention of Decatur district meets at Shiloh at one o'clock on the fifth Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan Sunday.

Elbert Nabors and family spent last Tuesday with their parents at Valley View.

"Cowboy" Baker of Boyd, was in town Wednesday.

LAKE VALLEY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller have been on the sick list, but are better at this writing.

Brother Thorn filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday at the church.

Miss Ena Gray took dinner with Miss Zella Harper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zella Hill spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dyer.

Brother Thorn and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dyer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller were lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Faulkner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gray and daughter, Miss Allie, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Magness and family spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jewel Mayhugh.

Cleo Harper spent Sunday afternoon with Alta Dyer.

Mrs. Jim Morris and children of Petrolia, came Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. D. Pennington for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mayhugh spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Magness.

Melissa Rice took dinner with Viola Dyer Sunday.

Several from here attended singing at Prospect Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brashear and little daughter, Mozelle, spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowance.

Mr. and Mrs. Zella Hill and Virginia Pennington attended church at Lake Valley Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Grayson spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Worthen took dinner with Uncle Bob and Aunt Sallie Beavers Sunday.

The following went to see Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller Sunday afternoon: Brother Thorn and wife, Messrs. John Miller, John Chamberlain, A. C. Harper, Oliver Faulkner; Misses Ena Gray, Zella, Pauline and Zula Bell Harper.

Remember we have singing every second and fourth Sunday afternoon.

There will be singing at this place next fifth Sunday afternoon. Everybody come and bring someone.

Misses Ena Gray and Zella Harper spent Monday with the former's sister, Mrs. Lena Edwards.

Miss Dimple Bryant took dinner with Miss Nancy Miller Sunday.

Dear little Mandie awoke about two o'clock the other morning and asked mamma to tell her a fairy tale.

"It's too late, darling," mamma replied. "Daddy will be in shortly, and he'll tell us both one." Pipe Progress.

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any second-hand sacks, bring them to the O. K. Wagon Yard on West Main Street, and get the market price for them.

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O. K. Wagon Yard, Decatur

BRIDGEPORT NEWS

Fort Furlow, postmaster at Alvord, and daughter, Miss Olive, were here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and baby, Esther Ruth, of Robstown, were here Sunday.

Mrs. M. W. Read and daughter of Grand Prairie, visited Mrs. Tom Slover and other friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simpson of Graham, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson Sunday.

Mrs. Buford Alexander and little daughter of Mangum, Oklahoma, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bookout and son and wife of Idabel, Oklahoma, visited their cousin, Mrs. M. E. Cunningham Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kelley visited friends in Weatherford Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Read of Paradise, was visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Smisson and baby have returned to their home in Georgia, after a month's visit with Mrs. Smisson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Black.

Teacher—"Johnny, this is the worst composition in the class, and I'm going to write to your father and tell him." Johnny—"I don't care if you do. He wrote it for me."

NEW SALEM NEWS

Frank Fuqua and family and Mrs. Lizzie Robison and son of Paradise, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hyde.

Frank Martin and family of Deep Creek, spent last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Norwood.

There will be singing here Sunday afternoon, May 24th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin have been visiting their daughters, Mrs. E. C. Young, Mrs. J. S. Norwood and Mrs. A. E. White, this week.

Charlie Hyde and Jim Aaron spent Saturday night in Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rushing spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Daggett.

Mrs. Van and daughters, Misses Vera and Pauline Van, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Edwards, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ben White and daughter, Bertha.

Miss Esther Lamar has been suffering from the relapse of whooping cough, but is better at this writing.

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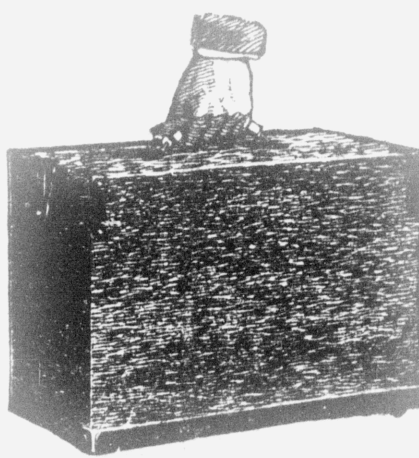
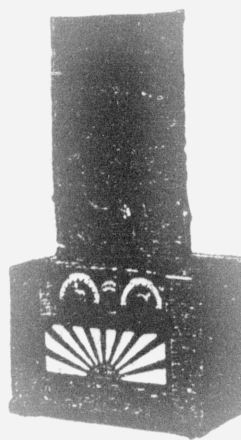
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One writer in one of the publications devoted to household affairs estimates that the use of natural gas saves one-third the painting bill. If it is remembered that the soot and grime are in the air, and despite the best efforts find their way into the house as well as defile the exterior, the saving will be seen to be much greater.

Wall paper cannot well be cleaned of soft coal grime, nor can rugs and draperies be kept in their freshness where other fuel is used.

Probably natural gas saving can well be estimated in the following order:

- First—The saving in fuel cost—about half.
- Second—The enormous saving in time.
- Third—The great saving in cleanliness.

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